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SUBJECT:GATT: IMPLEMENTATION OF PART IV

REF: GENEVA 05594

1. PLEASE TRANSMIT TO GATT SECRETARIAT FOLLOWING UPDATED INFORMATION ON IMPLEMENTATION OF PART IV PER REFTEL.

2. DUTY SUSPENSIONS: DUTIES HAVE BEEN SUSPENDED FOR SEVERAL ITEMS OF SPECIAL INTEREST TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. THESE INCLUDE DUTIES ON PROCESSED ISTLE (UNTIL SEPT. 3, 1975), MANGANESE ORE (UNTIL SEPT. 30, 1976), AND CERTAIN TANNING MATERIALS (UNTIL SEPT. 30, 1975). ESTIMATED VALUE OF US IMPORTS OF THESE ITEMS IN 1972 WAS 46 MILLION DOLLARS, 74 PERCENT OF WHICH (APPROX. 34 MILLION DOLLARS) UNCLASSIFIED

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CAME FROM DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. ADDITIONALLY, THE US

CONGRESS IS CONSIDERING LEGISLATION TO RESTORE DUTY SUSPENSIONS FOR CERTAIN FORMS OF COPPER ORE AND CONCENTRATES AND FOR CERTAIN YARNS OF NON-CONTINUOUS SILK FIBERS. OTHER LEGISLATION WHICH MAY BE OF POTENTIAL INTEREST TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES WOULD PROVIDE FOR DUTY SUSPENSIONS FOR CERTAIN FORMS OF ZINC, BICYCLE PARTS, METHANOL AND SYNTHETIC RUTILE IS ALSO BEING CONSIDERED IN THE CONGRESS.

3. DUTY INCREASES: ANNUAL IMPORT QUOTAS FOR STAINLESS STEEL TABLE FLATWARE WERE INCREASED BY SIX PERCENT TO

194.4 MILLION PIECES EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 1974. DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, INCLUDING TAIWAN, HONG KONG, AND SOUTH KOREA, HAVE ABOUT 22 PERCENT OF THE WORLD QUOTA.

4. QUOTA SUSPENSIONS (TAKEN UNDER SECTION 22 OF THE AGRICULTURAL ADJUSTMENT ACT): ON JANUARY 2, 1974, THE IMPORT QUOTA FOR CHEDDAR CHEESE, AND CHEESE SUBSTITUTES CONTAINING, OR PROCESSED FROM CHEDDAR CHEESE WAS INCREASED BY 100 MILLION POUNDS FOR A THREE MONTH PERIOD. QUOTAS LIMITING WHEAT AND MILLED WHEAT IMPORTS HAVE BEEN SUSPENDED INDEFINITELY SINCE JUNE 1974. THE TARIFF COMMISSION HAS INVESTIGATED THE POSSIBILITY OF ELIMINATING OR SUSPENDING THE IMPORT QUOTA FOR RAW COTTON AND COTTON WASTE. THE ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDED ITS INDEFINITE ELIMINATION OR SUSPENSION, WHILE THE TARIFF COMMISSION HAS ASKED FOR A TEMPORARY SUSPENSION OF THE QUOTA FOR ONE YEAR ENDING IN THE QUOTA YEAR 1974-75, TO BE FOLLOWED BY A FURTHER REVIEW. A DECISION ON THIS MATTER IS NOW BEFORE THE PRESIDENT.

5. THE ADMINISTRATION IS COMMITTED TO EXTENDING GENERALIZED TARIFF PREFERENCES TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. TITLE V OF THE TRADE REFORM ACT WHICH IS PRESENTLY BEFORE THE CONGRESS CONTAINS AUTHORITY NEEDED TO IMPLEMENT THIS COMMITMENT.

6. ANY FURTHER INFORMATION ON TRADE MEASURES IMPLEMENTING PART IV OF GATT WILL BE SENT FOR UNCLASSIFIED

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